

# NO FIELD MANEUVERS FOR BLUES THIS YEAR

Battalion Will Go to Virginia Beach Range for Rifle Practice Only.

TO ANNOUNCE DATE LATER  
First Brigade Goes Into Maneuver Camp, Soon to Be Designated. From August 5 to 19—Be Away Fifteen Instead of Ten Days.

Rifle practice instead of field maneuvers will be the work assigned for the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion this summer, according to plans approved yesterday by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale. The battalion has been directed to go into camp for fifteen days next month at Virginia Beach, the dates to be decided later. Other units of the Virginia Volunteers will go into maneuver camp in August at a site to be selected later.

The order for the Blues to take up rifle practice on the state range was issued because of the fact that the battalion did not get any of this important work last summer, having been relieved from duty on the day after the trip to San Francisco. The three regiments of infantry each spent a period of ten days on the range, while the other branches of the military service had their tours of duty.

The Blues will go into camp early next month, but dates have not yet been selected, this matter being left until the battalion officers can decide upon the most suitable period. In addition to the work on the firing line, it is planned to have the battalion undertake some field maneuvers on a limited scale, as rifle practice will not fully cover the fifteen-day period.

WILL NOT CHANGE PLANS FOR BRIGADE

No change in the plans for the First Virginia Brigade will be caused by the switch in the dates for the Blues' encampment. The three regiments will go into maneuver camp from August 5 to 19, inclusive. This will give fifteen days in camp, making the longest period the Virginia troops have been in the field in many years, it being the usual custom to have ten-day encampments.

Just where the infantry will camp has not been decided. Roanoke, Radford, Wytheville, Farmville and Appomattox are making strong bids for the encampment, and a large delegation of Norfolk business men is expected to Adjutant-General Sale this afternoon in an effort to induce him to order the troops to Virginia Beach again. South-west Virginia, however, generally approved by the infantry officers for the camp, as the drill ground at Virginia Beach is limited and is not commensurate with the number of troops to be maneuvered.

The First Battalion, Virginia Field Artillery, has as yet received no orders regarding field duty this summer. It had been planned to send the artillerymen back to Tokyoama Park, but as the regular troops have been shifted to the border, this scheme has been abandoned. Until the War Department definitely announces how much money is available for the field work this summer, the State authorities are unable to make any final plans.

SIGNAL CORPS TO GO WITH INFANTRYMEN

It is probable that the Richmond Signal Corps will be sent into camp with the infantry. The local company last year was encamped at Fort Myer, where it had the use of cavalry horses. Just what provision can be made for mounting the outfit this year hinges upon the War Department's allotment to this State. Without mounts members of the company will be lost in maneuvers, and unless they are provided, it is possible that a separate camp will be arranged.

The fifteen-day period is highly pleasing to the militiamen, as it is usually found that the men are just beginning to get into the camp routine and are doing efficient work when the ten-day period expires. In fifteen days much valuable work can be accomplished, especially as the personnel of the various companies has never before been as high as it is at present.

From all indications the encampment this year will be unusually large, as each company will send a large portion of its men into camp than ever before. No employer this year will offer objections to his employees leaving to serve in the military, and from every section of the State General Sales is getting assurances that the camp attendance record will be broken.



LAY OFF 2,700 AT HOPEWELL

Largest Reduction in Force Since Du Pont Plant Was Put in Operation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HOPEWELL, Va., June 8.—The largest reduction in force ever made in the operating force of the Du Pont Co. at Hopewell, since the plant was put into active operation nearly eighteen months ago, was made yesterday. Today, when the operation of three units, numbering about 2,700 men, were laid off. A reduction of the force had been expected for some weeks, but when the men were notified of orders making the reduction it came as a great surprise.

A number of the operatives laid off were Petersburg people, some of them having been employed at the plant almost continuously since it was put in operation. It is understood that the company, as far as possible, will retain all the older men, especially those who make their homes in Hopewell and City Point.

The reduction in the force means a reduction in the pay roll at the Hopewell plant of approximately \$100,000 daily, the average daily wage being about \$3.50 per man.

John R. Rogers Drops Dead.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, Va., June 8.—John R. Rogers, a prominent Bristol man and one of the principal dairy farmers here, dropped dead at his home on Lee Street to-night, aged seventy-three

years. His death is believed to have resulted from heart failure. He is survived by his wife and one son.

Calls for City Home Data.  
An application filed yesterday with the Administrative Board to secure one of the city dispensaries led the board to request a list of dispensaries to be designated from the Superintendent of the City Home, members stating that they were not aware of their locations. The superintendent was also instructed to furnish the board with a list of the officers, doctors and employees at the home.

AWARDS PAVING CONTRACTS

Administrative Board Gives West End Work to A. Q. Billings for \$12,436.

The contract for laying sidewalks on both sides of Robinson Street, from Broad to Cary Streets, for the unpaved portions of the street in this section, was awarded yesterday by the Administrative Board to A. Q. Billings, the lowest responsible bidder, at his bid of \$12,436.75.

WEST END EXTENSION NOW APPEARS CERTAIN

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actual consideration paid to Mr. Forbes is, therefore, only \$40,000, as the city can use the street improvements that he has made on the south side of the thoroughfare.

WILL OPEN STREET TO COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. Seaton said that he was confident that the opening of B Street would be carried out, as the representatives of the railroad company had stated that they are now preparing blue plans for the opening of this street. "Rights of way have already been dedicated for a sewer system," he said, "the object of which was to get a street from Grace to Broad Streets. Every one is doing all that they possibly can for the project, and I feel that it is perfectly safe to take action at this time."

The opening of Monument Avenue, which was long delayed through the opposition of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, to depress its toll line tracks, has been sought for several years by property owners west of the railroad. For several miles beyond the present city limits land has been dedicated to the city for the further extension of Monument Avenue to its full width of 150 feet, and with the removal of the street car tracks, the street will be opened, through to the District of Columbia, and to the Country Club of Virginia. With this improvement Richmond will have one direct thoroughfare, said to be unsurpassed in any city in the country, extending for about five miles.

The Council also adopted a resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to borrow \$45,000 to be paid Mr. Forbes for the property. This measure had already been approved by the Board of Aldermen.

PASS APPROPRIATION FOR HOWITZER'S ARMORY

The resolution appropriating \$75,000 for the acquisition of land and for the construction of a building for the Richmond Howitzers on North Seventh Street, was also unanimously adopted, and the Administrative Board was authorized to contract with J. T. Nuckolls for the construction of the building on plans prepared by Carmel & Johnston at an estimated cost of \$113,372. Architects' fees, heating, lighting and fixtures for the structure are in addition to this amount.

The plans for the new structure call for a comprehensive building, which in addition will hold a large number of drilling yards of the battery, providing an enclosed hall for training, with storage room on the second floor. It will cover the open court between Eighth Street and the old Cavalry Armory on Eighth Street and the old Cavalry Armory on Seventh Street.

Slight opposition, which was overcome on the final vote, arose in the consideration of a resolution appropriating \$5,000 for the opening of an alley from North Avenue eastwardly to Cannon's Branch, to take care of the overflow of water during heavy rains. Councilman Sullivan opposed this measure on the ground that the city proper should have improvements, before the Council undertook to improve outlying sections. Mr. Seaton, on behalf of the Finance Committee, stated that the committee had only agreed to report the measure after City Attorney Pollard, City Engineer Bolling and members of the Administrative Board had appeared before it, urging the appropriation on the ground that unless the improvement was made at once, several lawsuits would be brought against the city.

For deposit to the order of the Hustings Court in the contention brought by the Mayo Land and Bridge Company in claiming a strip of land on fourteenth Street, lying between the north end of the bridge and the City Dock, \$5,500 was appropriated. This action was taken on advice of the City Attorney, and is to be refunded to the city treasury in event the court finds the strip in question to be a public street.



# "OUSTER LAW" WORRIES VISITORS AT CITY HALL

"Provisions Will Be Carried Out," Replies Mayor Ainslie to All Who Ask for Information

HIS OFFICE IS BESIEGED

Many Citizens Anxious to Find Out Individual Status, but Same Answer Is Given Each—Necessities and Conveniences Make Issue.

Since the announcement has been made that Mayor Ainslie has instructed the Police Department, on and after June 15, to enforce every State law, however obsolete, and however much it may interfere with the convenience of the public, the Mayor's office at City Hall has been thronged with citizens anxious to find out whether their individual status is affected. To every question the Mayor has made the same answer, that the law would be carried out.

So far as officials have been informed, the "ouster law," which provides for the removal from office of any official, neglecting to perform any duty enjoined by any law of the State, will not apply to neglect to enforce city ordinances. There are many dead-letter statutes on the books and for a time policemen were on the anxious bench for fear they would lay themselves open to removal proceedings if they failed to arrest every man seen sitting on the sidewalk, loitering on Broad Street corners or obstructing sidewalks or streets.

Many questions have been brought to the Mayor for interpretation. Here is one that was asked yesterday: "Is a minister a necessity?" Mayor Ainslie said that in his opinion, he was. "Sunday is set aside for religious worship," he said, "and to have service a minister is needed. It makes no difference what his title is, according to creed. Such a leader must be supported. I do not think, however, that a choir singer is a necessity."

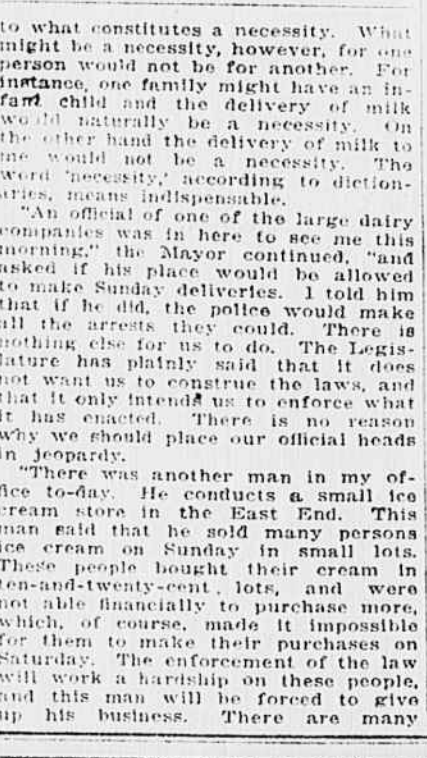
WHAT IS A NECESSITY? THE ABSORBING ISSUE

"How about the police?" Aren't they following their vocations on the Sabbath day, and should they arrest themselves if they see each other on duty on June 18?" he was asked. "The police are a matter of necessity. So are the firemen," he replied. "How about trains?" "They are provided for under the law."

"The only question," he said, "is as to what constitutes a necessity. What might be a necessity, however, for one person would not be for another. For instance, one family might have an infant child, and the delivery of milk would be a necessity. On the other hand the delivery of milk to the mother would not be a necessity. The word 'necessity,' according to dictionaries, means indispensable."

"An official of one of the large dairy companies was in here to see me this morning," the Mayor continued, "and asked if his place would be allowed to make Sunday deliveries. I told him that if he did, the police would make all the arrests they could. There is nothing else for us to do. The Legislature has plainly said that it does not want us to construe the law, and that it itself intends to enforce what it has enacted. There is no reason why we should place our official heads in jeopardy."

"There was another man in my office to-day. He conducts a small ice cream store in the East End. This man said that he sold many persons ice cream on Sunday in small lots. These people bought their cream in ten-and-twenty-cent lots, and were not able financially to purchase more, which, of course, made it impossible for them to make their purchases on Saturday. The enforcement of the law will work a hardship on these people, and this man will be forced to give up his business. There are many



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others who told me the same thing. The law allows the delivery on Sunday of ice cream made on the previous day, but says nothing of deliveries of ice and milk.

"Some people claim that newspapers are a necessity on Sunday. Granting that the people of Richmond do consider the news on Sunday morning indispensable, there are two morning newspapers in the city and they should be sufficient. As early as 9 o'clock in the morning on Sundays newboys cry all the Northern papers, and in the afternoon they make nuisances of the Sunday afternoon editions of some of the out-of-town papers. These I do not consider necessities."

# AMUSEMENTS

Lyric's Week Is Saved.

Later reports from the vaudeville engagement at the Lyric this week make it clear that the week is not a total loss, as was threatened in the dispatches referring to the first three days of the conflict. Grand Admiral Rex rallied his forces on Wednesday night and during both sections of the day, yesterday afternoon and evening, scored a decided victory over the malcontents, and the week is saved.

The Cycling Berlins, a man and a woman, are bicyclists not out of the ordinary, but they do well enough to open the bill and to prepare the way for the act of the week, a sister act composed of two dancers of uncommon ability, who furnish the most complete surprise of the season.

Barrell and Moore, another man and another woman, work in E spot. The first portion of the act is tiresome, as neither is a competent "singsong" performer, but they turn it into a blackface and high-yellow turn which goes smoothly.

Then Grace Fisher, pretty, fresh and pleasing in dress and address, makes the house beg her to come back again and again, which she does—also again and again. She doesn't need any assistance to captivate the average audience, but she supplies it, just for laughs. She can't sing much and she can't dance much and she isn't really funny, but she gets away with it. She is a good deal of a comedienne, what she is said to do, so nobody has any complaint to register.

Wyatt's Scotch Lads and Lassies, who close the show, present a singing and dancing act which, unlike the non-Scotch turn during the first half of the week, really smacks of the heather and earns well-merited applause.

This is another bill that doesn't depend on the pictures. D. G.

Discuss Proposed Sites.  
A call has been issued by President O. Baylor Hill, of the Heritage Golf Club, for the members and directors to meet on Monday evening at 6 o'clock. At this time various proposed sites for the relocation of the club and golf course will be discussed. Owing to the building of the new terminal on the grounds occupied by this club the members and directors have received notice that the relocation of the club is being considered. The property is owned by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company.



# TO ANNOUNCE RESULT ON CAMPAIGN FOR LINE

Canvassing Committees Report Today on Work to Raise Funds for Urbanna Road.

MEET AT RUEGER'S HOTEL

Expect to Raise \$60,000 by Additional Stock Subscriptions to Assure Opening of Fertile Territory to Richmond Market.

Reports of the success of the subscription campaign, on which the construction of the Richmond, Rappahannock and Northern Railway is largely dependent, will be made this afternoon at a meeting at Rueger's Hotel. Fifty business men have been actively at work since Wednesday in an effort to raise the required \$60,000 in Richmond through the sale of preferred stock. The proposed road will connect Richmond, by way of West Point, with Urbanna.

The proposed line will traverse seven counties to what is said to be one of the richest agricultural sections in the State, and from which many thousands of dollars of produce is shipped annually. The majority of these products, through the absence of rail transportation facilities, is shipped by water to Baltimore, in which city these people spend their money, which amounts to nearly \$1,000,000 annually.

Contractors have been agreed to start the work on the new line just as soon as \$100,000 in cash is raised, accepting the remaining \$262,500 in bonds of the company. Of the required cash, \$40,000 is the section through which the line will run, and land has been dedicated at Urbanna for terminals. Property owners along the line gave practically all of the rights-of-way free of charge, and in this matter the cooperation of the counties was also secured.

Henry W. Wood, a prominent business man of Richmond and a former



President of the Chamber of Commerce, thinks the completion of the proposed line between West Point and Urbanna almost indispensable to the larger commercial life of the city. "It is very important," he said yesterday, "for every interest of Richmond that this undertaking be successful. The connection of those two points by a railroad would mean the opening up of a vast section of almost immeasurable wealth to the markets of this city. No farming land in Virginia is richer and more productive than that in the peninsula between, and that part of the State is naturally tributary to Richmond."

"Much of the trade that of right should come to our market is, on account of inadequate railroad facilities, diverted elsewhere. Much of it goes to Baltimore. Some of it goes to smaller markets. As a result of this condition, small towns to the south of us are extending their trading trade and taking from Richmond much that her position entitles her to."

Mr. Wood is in favor also of the completion of the Northern Neck Railroad, proposed some time ago. "Both of these lines," he said, "would be very desirable feeders and mean much to commercial Richmond."

"ALFALFA BILL" MURRAY MAKES ATTACK ON HUGHES

His Remaining on Bench, While Flirting for Nomination, Dangerous to Future Integrity of Court.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Representative William H. ("Alfalfa Bill") Murray, of Oklahoma, attacked Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court, in a speech in the House to-day.

He said: "In contemplating the judi-

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ciary, having a regard for its future welfare, I cannot resist analyzing the effect of a recent utterance of a member of the Supreme Court whose friends say that he is, or at least, they present him as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

"Nor could I resist mentally to question whether it would be wise now to prohibit the nomination or election of any member of that court to any other office while a member of the court."

"Suppose four years hence an agitation is started to nominate Justice Louis D. Brandeis. Does any one doubt, even though he keep his mouth closed, the spurs into which certain interesting publications would be thrown by the very suggestion of his nomination?"

"I trust I may be pardoned, therefore, when I say that either Mr. Justice Hughes should have made it clear that under no circumstances would he have accepted the nomination for the presidency, or have resigned from the bench on the first serious consideration of his name twelve months ago; that his remaining on the bench and flirting with his supporters, like a girl wanting to be kissed, is reprehensible in the extreme, dangerous to the future integrity of the court, and to the best interests of the country."

"We are progressive in Oklahoma, and in a measure radical, but have never thought it wise to make of the Judiciary a hothouse of political schemes."

At the Movies To-Day

NEW—Charlie Chaplin and other comedy stars.  
OLD—Robert Edwards, in "Big Jim Garry."  
REX—"The Courtship," with Eugene Ford.  
COLONIAL—Theda Bara, in "Gold and the Woman."  
VICTOR—"The S. Hart, in "The Primal Lust," and "The Judge," a Keystone Comedy.  
VICTOR—"The Schlemers," with Elizabeth Burdette.  
1818—Carlyle Blackwell, in "The Hand of Peril."  
STANDARD—Fannie Ward, in "A Gutter Magdalene."

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